Iron ore reserves

8436. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of iron ore mines in Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka;

(b) the various grades of iron ore reserved in those mines and quantum thereof;

(c) the system adopted at present in each of those States for the extraction of iron ore; and

(d) the steps taken by Government for the development of iron ore mines in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The State-wise number (provisional) of iron ore mines reporting production was Orissa (69), Bihar (19), Madhya Pradesh (10), Goa (40) and Karnataka (77) during 1994-95 as against the all India figure of 235.

(b) The grade-wise reserves of iron ore in the States of Orissa, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Goa and Karnataka as on 1-4-90 as per National Mineral Inventory (NMI) prepared by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) are given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173 Annexure No. 193]

(c) The system of mining adopted in those States for extraction of iron ore is by open cast mining method with manual, semi-mechanised and mechanised working.

(d) Central public sector undertakings like Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC) and Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) are taking steps to increase production from their existing mines and also develop new mines in some of the States. Besides, the removal of mining of iron are from the list of minerals reserved for exclusive exploitation by the public sector, and the amendments made in the mining law are expected to encourage and facilitate private sector investment including foreign investment, in the mineral sector including iron ore.

Production and export of saleable steel

8437. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the figure for domestic price realisation per tonne of saleable steel products of Steel Authority of India Limited during 1994-92;

(b) the figures of export price realisation on the FOB India port per tonne basis during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(c) the estimate of export realisation per tonne for the year 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The average domestic price realisation per tonne of saleable mild steel of SAIL during 1991-92 was Rs. 11,380/- per MT including excise duty.

(b) The average export price realisation of mild steel on FOB basis during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is indicated below:

Year	FOB value (Rs./MT)
1991-92	7,775/-
1992-93	8,022/-
1993-94	8,170/-

(c) The average export price realisation on FOB basis for mild steel during 1994-95 was Rs. 8,643/- per MT (provisional).